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TAGS: MASS, JO, TC, YE

SUBJECT: SALADINS FOR YEMEN

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FOLLOWING SENT AMMAN INFO JIDDA, KUWAIT FROM SECSTATE ON JUL 02,  
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1. ASSUMING SALADINS IN GOOD CONDITION, WE WOULD FAVOR  
JORDANIAN EFFORTS TO ASSIST YARG THROUGH PROVISION THIS  
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO COPE WITH ITS INTERNAL SECURITY  
PROBLEM. ADDITIONALLY, WE SEE SOME MERIT IN JAF REPLACING  
BRITISH WITH U. S. EQUIPMENT WHICH SHOULD HAVE EFFECT OF  
REDUCING SUPPORTING COSTS AND SIMPLIFYING LOGISTICAL SUP-  
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2. IF OUR UNDERSTANDING YOUR CABLE CORRECT THAT JORDANIANS WANT TO REPLACE SALADIN ARMORED CAR BY AN M-48 TANK, WE WILL BE REVIEWING PROBLEM OF AVAILABILITY. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE AND WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT THE M-48 TANK WOULD BE A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR AN ARMORED CAR. YOUR LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING M-48- A-2- C TANK IS CORRECT; THIS MODEL IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND UNLIKELY IT COULD BE OFFERED IN NEAR FUTURE. FYI. INITIAL INQUIRIES REVEAL THAT WE DO HAVE BASIC M-48 TANKS WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH MIMEX IN AS- IS, WHERE- IS CONDITION, BUT THESE WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE AND COSTLY REHABILITATION WHICH WOULD ADD TO JORDAN' S ECONOMIC PLIGHT. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD SELL JORDANIANS PARTIALLY REHABILITATED M-48- A-1 TANKS AT UNIT COST OF DOLLARS 43,742 WITHIN 24 TO 36 MONTHS. WE ARE CHECKING TO DETERMINE WHETHER M-48- A-1 COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT EARLIER DATE. EITHER ALTERNATIVE MUST BE CAREFULLY WEIGHED AGAINST ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF SALADIN SALE. END FYI. RUSH  
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